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question?

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Senator. I've just got a question. Your reductions intrigue me, the \$10 million net savings intrigues me. Do you foresee that there would be an increase in the amount of spending on additional probation responsibilities and people?

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Are you meaning parole?

SENATOR MINES: I mean parole. Thank you.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Parole. Yes. I've saved...there's actually eleven million one hundred and some-odd thousand dollars that is there, and I've reduced it. The amendment itself says \$1 million would go into the General Fund for the purpose of enhancing parole so they can handle this.

SENATOR MINES: And tell me, does that then dovetail with LB 46 that we've all worked on and seem to agree that that's the direction for Nebraska?

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Well, after Senator Brashear talked and Senator Synowiecki, I'm sure it would dovetail with LB 46. But it's quite a shock and it's a very bold movement at this time to get things moving.

SENATOR MINES: All right. Thank you. Again, you've said it. It's a bold move. I commend you for taking the position, and I think that, given the right circumstances, this could work. And I would yield the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Chambers, on the Senator Pederson amendment to the Pedersen amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is one time Pedersen and Pederson are both correct. I support Senator Don Pederson's amendment setting a date next